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Winston Cup Racers Come To Speedway

Eight Winston Cup cup stock car drivers will compete at Saugus Speedway Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. in the Race of Champions.

The Winston Cup drivers will race Modified cars in a pair of twin main events on the one-third mile paved oval. They will race in a 30-lap event, while eight local drivers will race in another 30-lapper. Each Winston Cup driver will be paired with a local driver. The pairs will drive the same car, with the winner based on how the car finishes in the two heats.

The list of Winston Cup drivers reads like a Who's Who of auto racing: Rusty Wallace, winner of the final two races at Riverside International; Geoff Bodine, last month's Miller High Life 500 champion; Mike Waltrip, runnerup to Bodine; Rick Wilson, runnerup in the Firecracker 500 by 18 inches in Daytona Beach last Saturday; Davey Allison; Joe Ruttman; and Ernie Irvan. Trans Am and Formula Atlantic driver Willie T. Ribbs will also race.

The Saugus drivers are Dan Press, Ron Hornaday Jr., Ken Sapper, Bob Lyon, Mark Perry, Chuck Pittenger, Charlie Saied and Glen Cummings.

The guest drivers will be available for autograph sessions before the races.

No Experience Necessary

Hobby Stocks Offer Beginners Spot In Fast Lane

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Rick Crow, Larry Krieger and Brian Kelley are all of the same mind set. Although they're rival drivers in the Hobby Stock division at Saugus Speedway, the three have the same priorities.

They all spend countless hours working on their race cars, spend, they estimate, a minimum of $150 every week, but that figure flucuates depending on how badly their cars were damaged during the previous weekend's racing, and have racing on their minds virtually 24 hours a day.

As Crow, a Canyon Country native, put it, "I try to take Monday nights off. Tuesday nights I bowl with my wife — that's the only night she gets a week. Then Wednesday and Thursday I get off work at 6 (p.m.) and I work on the car until midnight or 1 in the morning."

Sue Pittinato, Gary Redel, and countless other Hobby Stock three nights underneath it, and you got a wife and kids, yeah, you get tired of it."

Hobby Stock is a beginners' class. Modified is the top class at Saugus, then in descending order are Sportsman, Street Stock, Hobby Stock and Jalopy. The top three classes race for purses, while Hobby Stocks and Jalopies are lumped into the same races

Current Hobby Stock points leader Larry Krieger (above) said he worked hard to get sponsors so he could move up into the Street Stock class. But for the time being, maintaining the race car (below) is still a hands-on job.

'In our division, you get guys spinning out, flipping over, hitting the wall. I think that's what the fans — especially at Saugus — want to see.'
— Brian Kelley